

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1992 and Earlier Census Years**

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Farms ----- number ..	52 923	60 502	60 243	63 768	67 597	72 257	80 163	90 475
Land in farms ----- acres ..	44 393 129	45 305 441	44 961 371	46 113 973	46 172 012	45 833 953	47 792 663	47 755 708
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	839	749	746	723	683	634	596	528
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	429 188	344 253	532 741	382 902	192 574	97 931	65 268	46 796
Average per acre -----dollars ..	514	457	701	523	282	154	109	89
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 651 286	3 549 159	4 088 785	3 461 586	2 018 175	928 666	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	69 120	58 799	68 007	54 354	31 084	13 210	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	3 698	5 090	4 162	3 832	3 350	3 968	2 441	2 478
10 to 49 acres -----	4 302	4 296	4 062	3 592	3 384	3 113	3 911	4 696
50 to 179 acres -----	9 408	11 166	11 100	12 042	13 720	14 468	17 124	22 144
180 to 499 acres -----	14 003	17 320	19 128	22 010	25 117	29 380	35 812	41 854
500 to 999 acres -----	10 966	12 153	11 847	12 369	12 586	12 324	12 198	11 266
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	6 283	6 494	6 036	6 050	5 721	5 495	5 248	5 248
2,000 acres or more -----	4 263	3 983	3 908	3 873	3 719	3 509	3 429	3 429
Total cropland ----- farms ..	46 348	53 500	54 475	58 594	63 040	67 197	75 386	85 744
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	22 402 132	23 320 162	22 434 059	22 274 197	22 212 756	22 222 858	22 099 510	22 827 985
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	19 328	22 596	22 190	23 862	20 331	19 440	18 833	18 936
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	8 209 691	6 667 132	6 625 742	5 149 297	3 732 982	2 147 860	1 334 395	1 197 501
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	2 651 484	2 139 116	2 379 811	1 718 714	1 565 899	536 263	371 444	393 215
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	5 558 208	4 528 016	4 245 931	3 430 583	2 166 946	1 611 460	962 659	804 194
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	3 966	4 694	3 839	3 431	5 459	9 229	12 029	12 846
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	2 664	3 405	2 963	3 550	4 084	6 733	11 322	15 263
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	4 021	5 515	4 615	5 985	7 531	12 114	20 130	26 485
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	8 445	10 923	10 096	13 108	14 683	11 649	35 629	35 582
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	8 362	10 681	11 517	14 083	43 452	41 649	35 629	35 582
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	9 274	11 305	12 508	13 243	9 555	2 271	1 034	1 034
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	14 423	12 700	13 370	9 555	6 589	2 271	1 034	1 034
\$500,000 or more -----	1 768	1 279	1 301	769	453	243	243	243
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	44 577	51 749	51 323	54 968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	4 604	5 212	5 608	6 280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	3 430	3 209	3 013	2 330	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	312	332	299	190	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	27 573	31 491	30 786	35 246	30 560	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	20 920	24 403	21 933	23 660	17 251	27 970	26 182	25 691
200 days or more -----	11 927	13 099	10 764	10 531	7 825	10 307	7 588	7 118
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	39 123	45 387	47 549	51 036	56 484	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	13 800	15 115	12 694	12 732	9 780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	50.7	49.4	48.5	48.7	50.3	49.3	49.2	48.2
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	6 711 544	5 409 171	(NA)	(NA)	2 845 563	1 759 085	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	2 502 060	1 904 830	1 760 168	1 500 993	867 435	707 413	372 005	290 166
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	1 086 234	801 077	843 922	654 728	598 585	308 620	229 791	154 986
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	344 363	269 359	325 124	267 026	207 795	74 977	46 007	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	288 400	267 854	386 465	222 248	144 214	77 025	70 935	63 549
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	254 132	261 094	167 515	129 597	77 077	51 357	37 051	33 871
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	380 597	368 642	613 708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	202 392	154 483	141 128	88 096	52 518	20 923	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	30 421	34 701	39 555	42 724	48 818	54 119	66 439	75 866
Beef cows ----- farms..	5 952 880	5 838 806	6 530 561	6 412 288	6 214 596	6 131 577	5 986 516	4 981 973
Milk cows ----- farms..	24 270	26 452	30 068	32 557	37 761	(NA)	46 785	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	1 857 347	1 823 591	2 023 618	1 994 191	2 202 496	1 864 064	1 779 653	1 412 344
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	2 122	3 339	4 686	5 827	8 292	13 595	29 119	48 725
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	83 295	105 168	117 536	119 068	145 322	158 008	250 068	318 577
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	30 696	35 491	39 796	43 617	49 854	55 836	66 580	73 541
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	6 238 779	5 888 192	6 010 865	5 988 506	5 202 122	5 487 907	4 407 641	3 138 906
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	10 826	13 363	15 998	20 532	21 301	29 029	38 978	52 656
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	4 187 389	3 944 227	3 963 364	3 723 774	2 740 440	2 914 892	2 981 584	3 245 237
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	11 559	14 162	17 132	21 601	23 904	31 157	40 163	51 843
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	8 405 466	7 442 810	7 064 612	6 086 452	4 992 209	4 788 158	4 399 002	3 732 296
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 993	4 225	5 791	7 788	11 370	19 267	42 393	64 002
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	(D)	3 621 152	3 604 279	3 154 767	3 660 561	3 967 498	7 439 522	10 485 148
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	289	524	526	575	634	391	23	45
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 887 881	910 980	104 105	120 813	112 994	100 140	218 500	1 390 750

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	29 679	34 717	34 573	39 326	40 830	44 338	50 587	70 120
acres --	7 235 528	6 090 669	6 519 250	6 662 003	5 591 301	4 391 430	3 714 602	6 455 174
bushels --	930 758 282	749 231 198	676 484 963	707 687 558	388 143 255	402 649 339	198 724 660	310 218 560
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms --	10 513	12 576	15 106	17 976	18 605	22 170	33 224	31 455
acres --	1 412 747	1 300 713	1 657 237	1 802 168	1 765 336	1 461 287	1 944 935	1 393 083
bushels --	122 513 083	101 004 096	116 927 367	127 136 420	59 786 998	105 715 328	88 646 962	59 935 320
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	12 671	18 124	20 182	21 787	28 035	30 859	39 713	46 191
acres --	1 800 432	1 962 051	2 585 111	2 393 999	2 823 818	2 455 084	2 728 595	2 993 879
bushels --	53 512 448	76 826 252	87 959 769	72 979 509	90 599 286	71 832 470	64 622 780	64 921 062
Oats for grain ----- farms --	5 234	8 165	10 852	10 452	(NA)	(NA)	20 121	38 366
acres --	176 148	280 502	396 520	372 661	(NA)	(NA)	608 123	1 259 059
bushels --	11 341 781	13 643 509	22 158 999	17 070 757	(NA)	(NA)	16 950 743	30 996 174
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	20 687	25 598	21 487	16 662	17 691	17 300	17 300	5 232
acres --	2 274 494	2 291 803	2 105 816	1 209 707	1 048 372	654 958	506 025	144 789
bushels --	88 842 343	78 147 991	70 218 107	37 689 210	25 528 000	20 628 698	10 974 198	3 431 626
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	27 433	30 224	33 840	38 097	43 083	45 698	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	2 895 217	2 868 789	3 203 713	3 385 943	3 455 199	3 641 081	4 664 565	4 688 802
tons, dry --	6 068 201	5 951 228	6 711 376	6 751 689	5 805 323	6 075 434	6 321 840	6 077 179

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

<sup>3</sup>Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

<sup>4</sup>Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

<sup>5</sup>Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

<sup>6</sup>Data for 1992 and 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1992, 1987, and 1982.

<sup>7</sup>Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>8</sup>Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.